

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 11, 17, 19, and 21 are amended and are pending for further examination; all other claims are cancelled. Applicant does not acquiesce to the propriety of any of the rejections and does not disclaim any subject matter to which Applicant is entitled. Cf. *Warner Jenkinson Co. v. Hilton-Davis Chem. Co.*, 41 U.S.P.Q.2d 1865 (U.S. 1997). Further, Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications to cover disclosed subject matter not encompassed by the currently pending claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the currently amended claims are allowable over the prior art of record, including the patent to Gever et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,329,994), because the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest specific program control codes as jump codes, climb codes, camera switching codes, and sound switching codes and their respective detectors. Gever appears to suggest embedding a control code in sub-objects, such that when the character reaches the furniture object the control code thereof causes the character to take an action with respect to that specific object. Applicant respectfully submits that whether the object is static or dynamic is irrelevant because the control code still is embedded in the object to which the action relates. In contrast, the amended claims require that the control codes be embedded in a land object that is adjacent to the object to which the action indicated by the control code relates. Thus, more complex and varied actions can be programmed with more ease and

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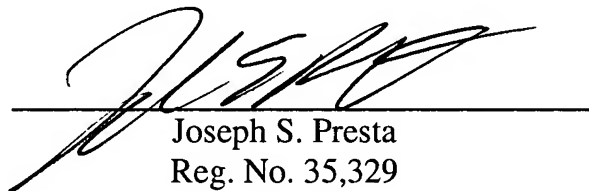
flexibility. For similar reasons, Naka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,963,218) in view of Sasaki (U.S. Patent No. 5,577,960) fail to render the claimed invention obvious. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims patentably distinguish the cited references.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims patentably distinguish the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections and passage of this case to issuance at an early date are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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